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IMPORT TRADE CONTROL

New Delhi, the 7th June 1952

SUBJECT:—Confirmation of provisional licences for freely licensed items issued during January-June 1952.

No. 64-ITC(P.N.)/52.—As announced in the Policy Book for January-June 1952, provisional licences for freely licensed items were to be confirmed on production of copies of orders placed on foreign suppliers together with original acceptances of the order by the suppliers offering definite delivery of the goods. It has been reported that in some instances the documents produced were not genuine and no definite contract with an overseas supplier had in fact been made. Importers are warned that licences confirmed on the basis of any kind of misrepresentation are liable to cancellation.

2. As a safeguard the following decisions have been taken:—

(a) All provisional licences confirmed hereafter will name the particular supplier and country of shipment and give such other relevant details of the contracts on the basis of which the licence is being confirmed as the licensing authority may think fit. Goods imported from a supplier or a country different from that shown on the licences or otherwise not conforming to the endorsement on the licence will not be allowed to be cleared against such licences.

(b) Clearance of goods imported against previously confirmed licences will only be allowed if the shipment is made by the supplier on the basis of whose acceptance the licence was confirmed. In order to avoid difficulties at the time of clearance importers are advised in their own interest to get their licences endorsed to show the names of the suppliers and other relevant particulars. Licences should be presented to the authority who issued them for this purpose by the 30th June, 1952.

(c) It is appreciated that there may have been cases where the original supplier has for one reason or another backed out of the contract and the importer may in good faith have entered into a fresh commitment on the basis of licences previously confirmed. Applications for amendment of the licences in such cases will be entertained on production of the following evidence by the 14th June 1952 at the latest:—

(i) Documents to show the circumstances in which the original contract fell through.

(ii) Documents to establish that a fresh contract with the same or another overseas supplier was made on a later date but in any case before the 7th June 1952.

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